

February 17, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1083.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Charles Williams, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense; and

871 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Northern Command and United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal

year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 5884–5909; 2 private bills, H.R. 5910–5911; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 857–859, were introduced. **Pages H1156–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1158**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4990, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Science Foundation to carry out research and other activities to promote the security and modernization of voting systems, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–396, Part 1); and

H.R. 4979, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support STEM education and workforce development research focused on rural areas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–397). **Page H1156**

Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment: The House passed H.J. Res. 79, removing the deadline for the ratification of

the equal rights amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 70. **Pages H1129–43**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1129**

H. Res. 844, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) was agreed to Tuesday, February 11th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, February 14th. **Page H1143**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress that the national emergency with respect to the southern border of the United States that was declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019 is to continue in effect beyond February 15, 2020. Referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–99). **Page H1145**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1142–43. There were no quorum calls.